IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, paragraph 0001, after the heading CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 10/434,174, filed on May 9, 2003, which is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/785,234 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,567,637), filed on February 20, 2001, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-039843 (filed February 17, 2000), the entire contents of each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, paragraph 0027, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0027] As noted from ~~Figs. 1 and 2~~ Fig. 1, each of the image forming units 4M, 4C, 4Y, and 4Bk may include a ~~phtoconductive~~ photoconductive drum (PC drum) 5 as an image carrier. The PC drum 5 may be rotated clockwise by a driving device (not shown). Around the PC drum 5 there may be provided a charge roll 6 as a charging device, an optical write section including an optical write device 8 for writing with a laser beam, a developing device 10, and a cleaning device 9. The developing device 10 may be a two component type wherein toner and carrier are employed. The developing device 10 may be replenished with toner by a later described replenishing device corresponding to a toner consumption amount.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, paragraph 0035, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0035] The air connection opening 164 may be connected to an air pump 151 as an air supply source via an air transfer pipe 152. When the air pump 151 operates, some ~~of~~ air may gush out into the toner storage container 100 from the lower side thereof via the air transfer pipe 152 and the air supply route. This air may then agitate and thereby fluidize the toner while passing through a toner pool.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, paragraph 0037, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0037] Further, a bag portion of the toner bag 102 may be constructed by a single layer or a plurality of layers of a flexible sheet like material having thickness of from 80 to 125 ~~m~~ mm. The flexible material may be made of polyester, polyethylene, etc. A mouthpiece member 103 made of plastic such as polyethylene, nylon, etc., may be secured to the toner bag 102 and includes, at substantially the center of the bottom section, a toner ejection hole 104. In the mouthpiece member 103, there may be provided a seal member 105 which is constituted by a single or a plurality of layers and made of stiff elastic material such as expanded sponge, etc. The seal member 105 may function as a shut-in valve. The toner bag 102 may have ~~an~~ a tapered shape narrowing to the toner ejection hole 104 so that toner hardly remains therein. Accordingly, a nozzle 160 may be inserted into the toner storage container 100 in the vertical direction from the lower side thereof (i.e., right down side) when the toner storage container 100 is set onto the set portion 200.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, paragraph 0039, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0039] In such a situation, so as to decrease interior pressure, the toner storage container 100 may be provided with an opening 106 as an evacuation section, as illustrated in Figs. ~~3a~~ 3A

and 3B. In addition, a breathable filter 107 capable of allowing air passage and inhibiting passage of toner may be provided to cover the opening 106. The breathable filter 107 may be disposed on the upper wall of the toner storage container 100 opposite to the seal member 105 which allows insertion of the nozzle 160, so that air which has sufficiently agitated the toner can be evacuated therefrom.